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LEATHER BOOK MARKS

By LUCILLE LAIN

You'll find these book marks with Christmas designs nice for little "tuck in" gifts with Christmas books. For that matter, these designs may (Continued on next page.)



Book Marks

be used on other small items you give for Christmas . . . such as a pocket secretary or a bag. Use any weight leather.

For either project, cut out around the outside heavy lines and finish the raw edges with edge enamel. Use modeling tool for all dotted lines, swivel knife for all other lines.

On the Christmas Angel, use trace tool for eyebrows, nose and mouth. Use veiner for wings and eyes and seed tool for buttons. The veiner or a border tool may be used for dress trim.

TIPS and HINTS

I made a "Mr. and Mrs." purse and billfold set for a wedding gift. A rose design was used on both, having the stems and leaves a bit larger on the man's billfold to make it appear more masculine. For the lady's purse, I made the Bon Bon style, only it was about an inch longer than the Tandy version. This wedding gift created a lot of attention and comment.

Hazel Sutton
Amboy, Wash.

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TIPS & HINTS IN ALL ISSUES

I would like to pass on a hint that I passed on to the members of the Hossier Leathercraft Guild, Inc. at our monthly meeting today.

When I carve Billfold backs and other light leather projects, I glue the leather to a piece of Plexiglass or plastic with rubber cement. This idea was already in use by some of our members, but my idea of dusting the sticky side of the key case or other project with talcum powder to

remove the stickiness seemed new to most of our members. Of course if you want to glue a lining or skiver to the billfold back, the glue is already on the project when you peel the leather from the plastic, and there won't be anything else sticking to the leather as is the case many times when the project is glued to cardboard or heavy paper.

Kay N. Goss
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

TIPS and HINTS

Last Christmas, I had several orders for cigarette cases. I found they are much easier to assemble if there is something firm to place inside. A block of wood, cut to size for a pack of cigarettes, worked nicely for me. In fact, I had two: one for king size and one for regulars.

Earl W. Haley
Cortland, N. Y.



Where to keep small parts such as rivets, snap parts, eyelets, etc., so you can see them when you want them? I have found the snap-top or compression-top vials, that druggists now use for pills, to be ideal. These come in nearly every size imaginable and, if you put an eye-screw through the plastic top about 1/4 inch from the edge, you can hang them on your hook board. A 13/16 eye-screw is just right. I not only keep small supplies, but also lacing needles, miscellaneous swivel knife blades, etc. right on the board where they can be found quickly.

Hope others will find the idea useful.

Forest E. Hilbert
Casper, Wyo.

There were two things that came up at our last meeting that the Guild thought might be worthy of sending for Tips and Hints.

Dave Schultz suggested putting paraffin about the top of the glue cans. It prevents sticking.

I suggested getting crutch tips for a regular hammer, especially good for ceramics. It serves as a rubber mallet and slips off easily. This was another case of necessity being the mother of invention.

Mrs. Rena S. Lord, Sec.
Miami, Fla.